

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims.**

Claims 1, 17, 18, 23-34, 116, and 117 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 2-16, 19-22, 35-115, and 118 being cancelled and no claims being added herein. Claims 1, 17, 18, 23-27, 29-34, and 116 are amended herein. These amendments introduce no new matter. Support is replete throughout the specification (*e.g.*, in the claims as originally filed, in paragraph 0009 at page 3, and the like).

**Non-compliant amendment.**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Communication alleging that the amendment filed on October 30, 2007 was non-compliant.

In response and in accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants provide herein the section containing the omission or non-compliant provision.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 267-4161.

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